

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the subject matter defined by the claims of **Group I, i.e., Claims 1-16**, without traverse.

In addition, the examiner imposed an election of species requirement. In response, applicants elect mass spectrometry technique. Claims that are readable on this election are Claims 1-16.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims of the non-elected groups in a divisional application.

It is now believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues is required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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